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IRIYE, HENRY K.

1945-1960

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HONORABLE TOM CLARK
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On about February 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of United States nationality form at the W.R.A. Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California at perfunctory appearance before a government official, and I have received no approval as yet, but classified as approved at the office.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation upon the following grounds and for the following reasons.

(1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the law;

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was continuously from May 14, 1944 had been detained in the said W.R.A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by threats of physical violence to myself and members of my family, made by the pressure group of aliens in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, as was my family that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation and approval thereof were, and each of them is invalid, null and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have or given that country or nation my allegiance. I am not an alien enemy, I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship.

Therefore, I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me, and that you recall, withdraw, cancel, and revoke your approval of said renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted to me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace fraud and undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Henry R. Dize

8014-G,H
Newell, California

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 262

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Henry K. Iriye

Block No. 8014-H

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 25 years Date of Birth: Month: Feb. Day: 15 Year: 1920

Place of Birth: (City) El Monte (County) Los Angeles State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

1609 South Tamarind Street, Compton, Calif

Occupation at time of evacuation: Farmer

Have you "dual citizenship"? No

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? No

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as
a dual citizen: _____ When: _____

Where: _____

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? _____

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

About
Month: Februsry Day: _____ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that
renunciation form? No

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? Do not know

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? Yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

Did you attend that hearing alone? Yes If not, who went with
you? _____

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? No

If you have, what date does it bear? _____

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? _____

Who signed that letter of approval? _____

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received
a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? Around August, 1945

Have you a copy of that letter? No

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? _____

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? _____

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? 2A, 4-C

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Shizuno Oku -

Have they been released from detention? Yes, FREE.

Have they been relocated? No

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? No

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? No ~~AS OF THIS DAY~~ When: _____

Where: _____ Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by anyone at that time? _____

Was any hearing given to you at that time? _____

Who registered you, if you know? _____

Did you protest registering as an alien? _____

Did you write your protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer? _____

_____ (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? I intend to

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? No If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? _____

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone _____

_____ Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? _____

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A.

Social Welfare? About August, 1943

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? No, ^{BUT WILL CANCEL TOMORROW} but I intend to 0822.

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? No If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

I am going to register as an alien under protest.

(single) (1 brother and 1 sister: Tsuginori and Haruye Iriye)
(renouncees)

Date: October 21, 1945

Henry K. Iriye
Henry K. Iriye
(Name)

8014-644
Newell, Calif.
Nov. 2, 1945

Mr. Wayne Collins
1721 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir,

Received your telegram regarding the cancellation. I wanted to stay in this country, but my aged mother wants to go back to Japan, that I have no other choice than cancel my case and follow her to Japan.

This was my only reason for my cancellation. I apologize for troubling you at this last minute.

Yours truly,
Henry K. Iriye

Cancellation O.K.
H. Uchida

November 6, 1945

Mr. Henry K. Iriye
Block 8014-G&H
Tule Lake Center
Newell, Modoc County, California

Dear Mr. Iriye:

Enclosed find U.S. Postal Money Order, serial 127459, office number 82205, in the sum of \$100, which you delivered to your committee to be delivered to me in connection with the test case and which is herewith returned to you in accordance with the request in your letter of November 2, 1945, in which you state you wish to have your name dropped from the case.

Pursuant to your request, your name will be dropped from the case.

Had you desired to proceed and have a determination of your citizenship made in the case and a determination of your right to release from detention such would have not prevented you from departing from this country. Your American citizenship, once proved, would entitle you to visit as also to take up residence in a foreign country.

I would thank you to write me and let me know that you have received the enclosed money order.

Yours very truly,

Wayne M. Collins.

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8014 H
Newell, Calif.
Nov. 9, 1945

Wynne M. Collins
Mull Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Sir;

Thanking you very much for
going through all the trouble. I
received your registered letter,
together with money order today.

Thanking you again and I
am hoping you the very best
of luck in the test case.

Yours truly,

Henry K. Drip



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

RECEIVED

SEP 21 1956

Sept. 19, 1956

The present address of Henry K. Iriye

is as follows:

522 1/2 N. Soto

Los Angeles 33 Calif

I do not know the address

(Please check here
if you do not
know the address)

Mrs. Marienne H. Sone,
Iriye

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower - 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

Telephone GARfield 1-1218

September 17, 1956

Mrs. Marienne Haruye Iriye Sone
4102 Clayton Avenue
Los Angeles 27, California

Dear Mrs. Sone:

I would thank you to inform me of the present
address of your brother, Henry K. Iriye,

whose last address known to me was as follows:

129 S. Soto Street, Los Angeles 33, California.

Mail sent to that address, however, has been returned
to me.

If you are acquainted with said person's present
address, I would thank you to fill in the enclosed
post card and mail it back to me promptly.

Very truly yours,

P.S. It is extremely urgent that I communicate with
your brother as it is now possible that his U S.
citizenship be restored to him.

Date . . . 6/7 1960

To . . . T.H.

Name: IRIYE, Henry K.

Judgment: F.J. 12/4/56, Consent U.S.

Address: 522-1/2 N. Soto

Los Angeles 33, Calif.

Balance: \$200.00

Note: _____

Billed: 4 times

J/Order: to T.H. this date

File: To T.H. this date

Reference:

Brother: Tsuginori IRIYE 1952 J. (U.S.) Unpaid

Sister: Marienne Haruye IRIYE (now Sone) 1952 J. (U.S.)
Unpaid

June 25, 1960

3936 Wellington Road, Los Angeles is his new address. He states he paid \$100.00 but will not pay anything more. That he felt he was dismissed from the suit. He claims his brother Ray is stationed at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan working as a civilian. He refuses to pay his own obligation.

JUN 27 1960

Tetsuo Hashimoto